

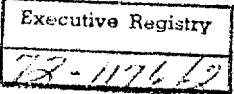
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director-Comptroller

THROUGH : Deputy Director for Support 03 NOV 1972

SUBJECT : Status Report on Revision of  
Compartmented Security Systems

REFERENCE : Memorandum for the Director of  
Security from the Executive Director-  
Comptroller, dated 20 March 1972,  
Subject: Compartmented Systems

1. This memorandum is for your information. It reports on the status of revisions of compartmented systems.

2. Time and events have somewhat overtaken the proposals for revising the compartmented systems which were presented to you in May.

3. At that time E.O. 11652 was just issued. We were concerned that implementation would result in some disorganization in the handling of classified material. We urged that we not plunge ahead with any broad-gauge or sweeping and all-inclusive changes in compartmentation at a time when all elements of the Government were so concerned with security and the matters of classification and declassification. With your assistance we were able to devise procedures for the Agency and the community which permitted adoption of the requirements of E.O. 11652 with minimum disruption of compartmented controls and without sacrificing reasonable security.

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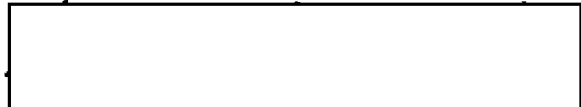
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to rewrite compartmented guidance prior to issuing a DCID creating a Special Security Center. The final resolution of the matter could have material ramifications on our proposal to codify all compartmented control procedures. We follow the deliberations with interest.

9. In general, we have implemented some of the proposals. We are in the process of resolving difficulties with other proposals, and we are exploring means to achieve further improvement in the administration of our compartmented systems.



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MEMORANDUM FOR : Director of Security  
THRU : Deputy Director for Support  
SUBJECT : Compartmentation Systems

1. Per our discussion, I am forwarding [redacted] revised version of his study of compartmentation systems as described in the covering memorandum, with a copy of a memorandum I wrote [redacted] on this over-all subject. I would much appreciate your assigning [redacted] to the task of responding to the ideas outlined in my memorandum.

2. What I am looking for is a series of specific recommendations for action which can be taken within CIA without changes in the community compartmentation systems for the time being. These changes hopefully would ease the bureaucratic burden of our present compartmentation systems, encourage dissemination of material to those who need to know and improve compartmentation of truly delicate matters. I would hope [redacted] might develop drafts of memoranda on which I could consult the Deputy Directors before implementing them as procedural changes within CIA.

3. May I encourage a flexible and informal approach to developing these drafts, as well as direct oral contact where this might be convenient. In connection with this, I am fully aware that some of the ideas in my memorandum may not be entirely practical, to put it mildly, and am perfectly prepared for frank discussion of them.

/s/ W. E. Colby

W. E. Colby  
Executive Director-Comptroller

Attachments

Memo dated 25 Feb 72

[redacted]  
Study "Compartmentation Systems"

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